

PROLOGUE

TO THE

University of OXFORD.

Written by Mr. *Steel*, and spoken by Mr. *Wilks*.
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AS wandering Streams by secret Force return
To that capacious Ocean whence they're born;
So for their Doom their Toils our Poets bring
To the great OXFORD—where they learnt to sing:
Then let the Learn'd their Visit not refuse,
Since what from you they gain, from us they loose.
For when around the Sacred Place we range,
Our Admiration we for Knowledge change.
We less adore their more exalted Vein,
And must expect a *Blenheim* or *Campaign*.
Such happy Seats wou'd rudest Minds inspire,
And all that see must feel Poetick Fire.
Aspiring Columns here, here beauteous Fields,
Here all that Art, here all that Nature yields;
Groves, Theatres, high Domes, and humble Shades,
Bright Palaces, and intermingl'd Glades
Make the admiring Traveller debate,
Whether they're form'd for Solitude or State:
While empty Pomp th' Inhabitants despise,
With whom alone—'tis Greatness to be Wise.
Oh happy! and your Happiness who see!
Where Innocence and Knowledge can agree!
Ye calm Spectators of a guilty Age,
Pity the Follies of the World and Stage;
Free from what either act or represent,
Weigh both the Character and the Intent,
And know—Men as they are, our Authors drew,
But what they shou'd be we must learn from you.

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